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Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation

Autumn 2018 Environmental Learning Programs

Seattle's environmental learning centers offer programs at parks throughout the city. These programs are hands-on experiences employing games, props, and activities to enhance the learning adventure. They are developed to give people a positive experience outdoors and a sense of community and connection with our green spaces. Every quarter, new programs are offered based upon the seasons and the interests of the public. Pre-registration is required for all programs so please peruse the following offerings to find something that interests you and register today.

Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.



Photo by Greg Thompson

Please take note of the location of a program because there are many different options. The location is listed underneath the program title. If you need directions to a place, please contact one of the environmental learning centers for assistance.

Registration

See back page for details on registering online, over the phone or in person at one of Seattle's environmental learning centers.

Autumn 2018 Programs at a Glance

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME	AGE	COST
Sept. 29	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Sept. 29	Writing in theWild	Discovery Park	10a.m.-1p.m.	50+	\$15
Oct. 6	Tot Trek:Fall Forest Frolic	Camp Long	10:30-11:45a.m.	2-3	\$5
Oct. 13	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Oct. 28	Ft. Lawton Cemetery Adv.	Discovery Park	2-4p.m.	12+	\$5
Oct. 14	Fall Family Forest Adv.	Camp Long	2-4p.m.	4+	Free
Oct. 20	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Oct. 27	Tot Trek - Happy Halloween Walk	Discovery Park	10:30-11:45a.m.	2-3	\$5
Nov. 3	Mushroom Walk	Discovery Park	1-3p.m.	12+	\$5
Nov. 4	Mushroom Walk	Camp Long	1-3p.m.	12+	\$5
Nov. 10	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Nov. 10	Salmon Walk	Carkeek Park	10a.m.-Noon	5+	\$5
Nov. 17	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10a.m.	8+	\$5
Dec. 1	Hollyday Decorations	Discovery Park	2-4:30p.m.	5+	\$15
Dec. 8	Winter Wander Along Longfellow Cr.	Camp Long & Longfellow Creek	1:30-3:30p.m.	6+	\$5
Dec. 15	Owl Prowl	Discovery Park	4:30-6:30p.m.	8+	\$10
Dec. 21	Tidepools by Flashlight	Carkeek Beach	8:30-10p.m.	4+	\$10
Dec. 22	Nighttime at the Beach	Me-Kwa-Mooks Beach	9-10:30p.m.	6+	\$10

All programs led by trained Seattle Urban Nature Guides



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One-of-a-Kind Class

Writing in the Wild

Discovery Park

Ages: 50 and older **Fee:** \$15 per person

Not primarily a writing class, although you may pick up some Join writer and Seattle Urban Nature Guide, Tony Robinson, for an autumn writers' workshop. No writing experience necessary, just a chance to do some nature-inspired creative writing. Participants will be able to share their work in a supportive environment – if they wish to do so. Bring a pad and pencil/pen, a sack lunch, and (if you prefer not to sit on the ground/beach) a light-weight camp or beach chair. Meet at the environmental learning center.

#185325 09/29/18 Sat 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Seasonal Favorites

Ft. Lawton Cemetery Adventure

Discovery Park

Ages: 12 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Experience a guided walking tour of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery in Discovery Park. Hear the history of the cemetery and the stories of those buried there including: two POWs, an unknown soldier, two base commanders and more.

#185320 10/13/2018 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.



Mushroom Walks

Discovery Park

Ages: 12 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Have you ever been curious about the mushrooms that literally pop out of the ground in the fall? What do they do, anyway? This program reveals the big news about fungi – without them, there would be no plants. Discover the fascinating tale of fungus; learn their role as the ultimate recyclers and natural fertilizers.

#185322 11/03/2018 Sat 1 – 3 p.m.

Camp Long

#185379 11/04/2017 Sat 1 - 3 p.m.

Seasonal Favorites cont.

Holly Day Decorations

Discovery Park

Ages: 5 and older **Fees:** \$15 per person

Don't miss this annual event! Spruce up your home for the coming winter the natural way. Create beautiful wreaths, garlands, and sprays using invasive plants that need removing from parks like English ivy, Scot's broom, cherry laurel, and holly. Be the envy of the neighborhood and a habitat hero at the same time. Basic materials provided. You may want to bring any special ribbon, cones or other personal decorations.

#185321 12/01/2018 Sat 2 – 4:30 p.m.



Nature at Night



Owl Prowl

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fees:** \$10 per person

Whoop prowls the park after dark? YOU do... in search of resident and migrant owl species. We'll search meadow and forest to look for owls up close in their habitat. We'll also dissect owl pellets to piece together a food chain puzzle.

#185323 12/15/2018 Sat 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Tidepools by Flashlight at Carkeek Beach

Carkeek Beach

Ages: 4 and older **Fees:** \$10 per person

Celebrate Winter solstice with a beach exploration illuminated by flashlight. Discover the excitement of nighttime tidepooling with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide.

#185395 12/21/2018 Fri 8:30 – 10 p.m.

Me-Kwa-Mooks Nighttime at the Beach

Me-Kwa-Mooks Beach

Ages: 6 and older **Fee:** \$10 per person

Enjoy a unique Salish Sea adventure. Bring a flashlight and join a Seattle Urban Nature Guide at Me-Kwa Mooks beach for a captivating urban nature outing – tidepool exploration at night. Please dress for the weather, bring a flashlight, and wear shoes that can get wet and work well on slippery surfaces.

#185375 12/22/2018 Sat 9 – 10:30 p.m.



Tot Treks & Nature Play

The following programs are an opportunity for the very young to explore outside in a safe environment and to share that experience with an adult who is important to them. Parents and others that share time with a toddler can learn tips and tricks for sharing the outdoors with a little one. These programs are also a great chance to make new friends. Please register only the child for this hike and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ages: 2 – 3 with an adult **Fee:** \$5 per child



Fall Forest Frolic

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddler. Join us for a colorful celebration of fall in the forest.

#185384 10/06/2018 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Happy Halloween Hike

Discovery Park

Fee: \$4 per child



Adults – grow outside with your children! Hike the park with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide and search for some of the animals associated with Halloween. Be sure to wear your favorite costume to this hike!

#185324 10/27/2018 Sat 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Nature Walks

Fall Family Forest Adventure

Camp Long

Ages: 4 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Explore the forests of Camp Long. Find out about fantastic native plants and enjoy the autumn colors.

#185372 10/14/2018 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.

A Winter Wander Along Longfellow Creek

Camp Long and Longfellow Creek

Ages: 6 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Longfellow Creek is a major waterway in West Seattle. It is also a little piece of the wild in the middle of the city. Coho salmon migrate up this waterway; beavers build dams and lodges on this creek; owls hunt for food along this artery. Explore a portion of this urban wilderness with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide. Look for seasonal changes and get to know some of your wild neighbors. **Meet at the Camp Long lodge.**

#185370 12/08/2018 Sat 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

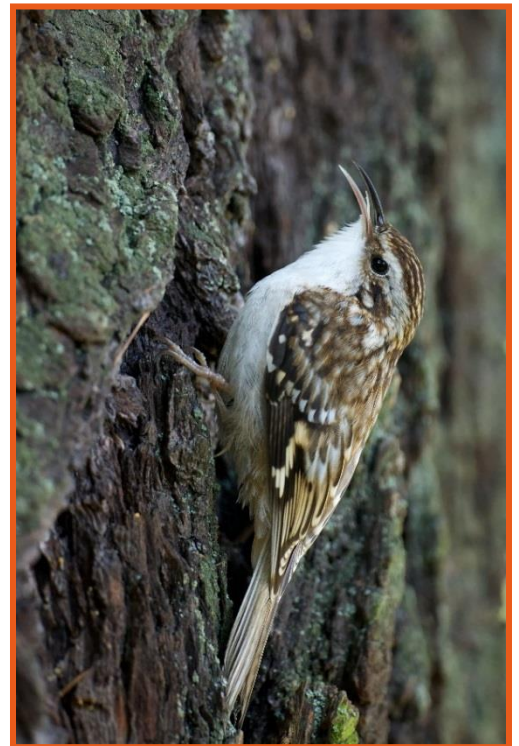


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Wildlife Walks

Bird Tours

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fees:** \$5 per person **Time:** 8 – 10 a.m.

Enjoy one of the fastest growing sports in the United States – birding. Walk with experienced leaders as we search for migratory birds and year-round residents within Discovery Park's varied habitats. Please bring binoculars if you have them.

#185314	09/29/2018	Sat
#185315	10/13/2018	Sat
#185316	10/20/2018	Sat
#185318	11/10/2018	Sat
#185319	11/17/2018	Sat



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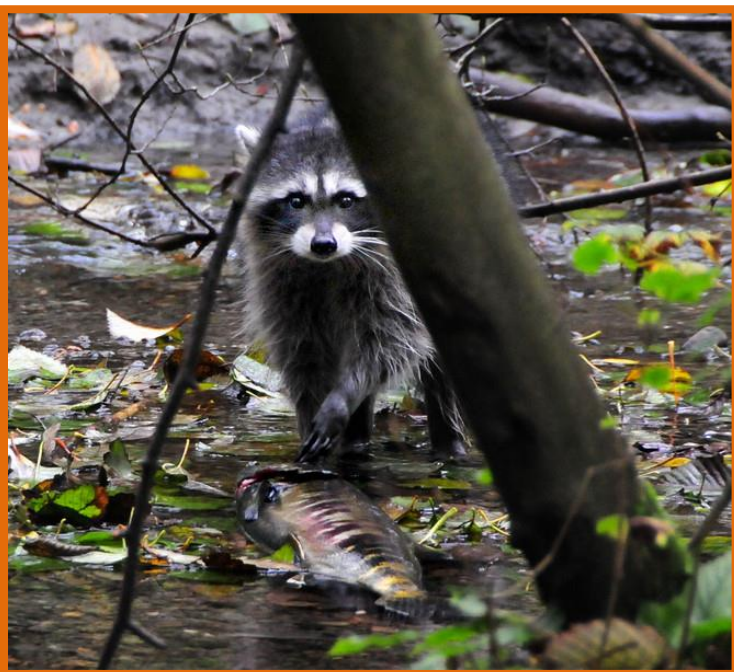


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Salmon Walk

Carkeek Park

Ages: 5 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Experience an urban salmon stream during the peak of the chum salmon run. Explore the lifecycle of the Pacific salmon and the hurdles they overcome to return to their home streams.

#185391 11/10/2018 Sat 10 a.m. - Noon

Space is limited. Register for programs today!

REGISTRATION

- Go to www.seattle.gov/parks and use the online registration system - SPARC. You need to sign up for an account and obtain a pin number in order to use the online system. This may take up to 24 hours, so plan ahead. Once you have your pin number, use the course code number listed in the program description to find the program in the SPARC system. The course code number is listed next to the program date.

- Another way to register is to contact Discovery Park or Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers and a staff person can register you for the program of your choice.
Seattle's Environmental

Seattle's Environmental Learning Centers

Discovery Park

3801 Discovery Park Blvd. (formerly West Government Way)

Seattle, WA. 98199

Phone: 206-386-4237

Email: discovery.park@seattle.gov

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Camp Long

5200 35th Ave SW

Seattle, WA. 98126

Phone: 206-684-7434

Email: camplong@seattle.gov

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Carkeek Park

950 NW Carkeek Park Road

Seattle, WA. 98177

Carkeek Park ELC was closed due to budget cuts in 2010.

There are, however, programs still offered at the park.

Contact Discovery Park ELC.



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